

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, December 20, 2010, a motion was made by Council Member Bill Smith, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Assistant Police Chief Nate Miller stated that there has been two robberies in the last two weeks that they are still working on diligently. The Wells Fargo bank robbery is being run by the FBI and they are working with them.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that everything is going well. Everyone is settling in to the new shifts that started January 1st. There's not a lot going on in the department. Ambulance runs for 2010 are just below 2009.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they have been busy with the National Homes project. Diechman is shut down on Sixth Street. F&K Construction started back up today in National Homes. They will start services tomorrow. They have had eight broken mains so far this winter. This is normal for winter.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that their part in National Homes has been quiet. They are starting soon on storm drains. It is business as usual at the plant. They sent off a backwash pump for repair.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that he responded to some calls today about Ohio Street. Digging will start on Ohio Street tomorrow. Ohio Street will need to be shut down. Doug has advised the school about this situation. Emergency personnel only will be able to get through. They filled in a problem on Freeman and Lakeland. There will be no snow removal in this area at this time. Everyone will need to have some patience. They started to take down Christmas decorations today and should be finished by Wednesday. The new downtown lights that are up look good. His department will pick up Christmas trees along the curbs in the next few weeks.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they are removing Christmas decorations at the City Park. He can tell it is going to be a busy spring because they will be getting a new pool heater, playground equipment, and skate park equipment.

Bob Gross, National Homes Project Inspector, stated that it is muddy in the National Homes. It will be like this until we get further along. Right now there is about 3700 feet of waterline in, which is 74% - 75%. They will start pick up on the storm line down Ohio Street tomorrow, as well as waterline laterals. They received the test back today for the water bacteria samples for Lakeland and they are fine. Other water mains will start to be filled up and tested so they can eventually hook up residents.

Election of Council President and Department Head Liaisons

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to elect Council Member Jim Mann as Council President, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion that the current 2010 department head liaisons remain the same for 2011(Dave Kelly – Fire, Grace Oilar – Park, Bill Smith – Street, and Eric Storm – Police), seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of KIRPC Appointment

Mayor Jason Thompson stated that Council Member Eric Storm has been the previous KIRPC appointment. He attended all five meetings last year. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion that Mr. Storm remains in the KIRPC position, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Council Member Grace Oilar stated that at the first meeting in October the Council made their MRC appointments. At that time, the Mayor hadn't made any decision on his appointments. The Mayor has appointed Dr. Hanni, Rachel Cote, and Ralph Widmer.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Liz Oilar, IAMC
City Clerk Treasurer